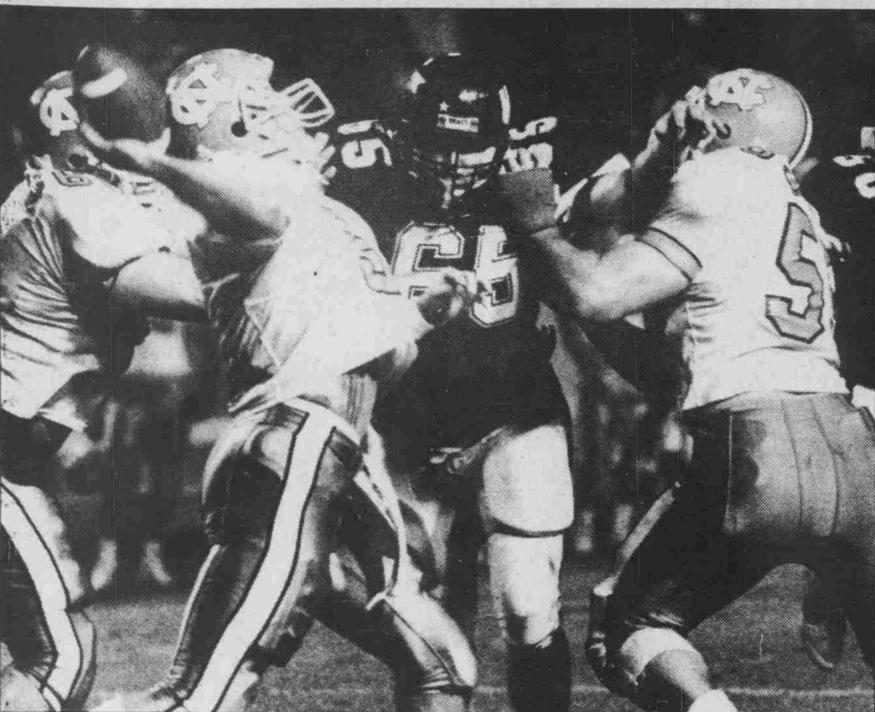


Sports Tuesday



Jonathan Hall fires one downfield under pressure from a Wake defender in Saturday's 42-24 loss

Martin disappointed with loss in front of hometown crowd

WINSTON-SALEM — Kennard Martin, like the rest of the North Carolina football team, seemed to be in shock after Wake Forest's convincing 42-24 win over the Tar Heels.

It was a homecoming for Martin, a sophomore who played football at Winston-Salem's Parkland High School, a school where he holds 12 offensive records.

"(The homecoming) was exciting at first," Martin said. "But I hate it turned out the way it did."

Martin had a solid game, gaining 82 yards on 19 carries. But he seemed to be disappointed with his performance.

"I feel awful. I didn't play too well," he said. "I tripped and fell too much. I needed to stay on my feet better."

A number of Martin's relatives were in Groves Stadium to see him play, but he said, "I hate they had to see this."

Among the interested onlookers was Martin's 17-month-old daughter, Christin. "It was her first game," he said. "It should've been a win."

But after Wake Forest scored touchdowns on five of its six first-half possessions, that prospect seemed very unlikely.

"I never would have believed it would be that way at the half," Martin said. "But we still felt we were in it. But when they drove and scored (in the fourth quarter), we were really scrapping then."

Again, a slow start had doomed the Heels.

"We talk about starting early," Martin said. "We just need to come out and play better."

Could UNC have underestimated the outsized, outmanned Deacons?

"They were a good team," Martin said. "Maybe better than I thought."

When it was finally over, Martin, and no doubt many of his teammates, could hardly believe they were 0-5.

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"Our first four games may have been questionable, but I thought we'd have one by now," he said. "Those first four may have had a psychological effect, but now we just need to turn it around."

Martin refused to believe the season is over, though. The conference is pretty even, he said, illustrated by Clemson's narrow victory over Virginia Saturday.

"We're trying to hang in there," he said. "We want to get something for the seniors."

But this year's struggles must seem easy to Martin, after what he went through last season. And despite the season's terrible beginning, Martin said he is definitely happier than he was a year ago.

After earning a starting spot against Georgia Tech Oct. 23, Martin was injured and missed two games. He returned for brief action against Wake Forest but was suspended the next week for disciplinary reasons.

The reasons were never officially explained, but they centered around rumors of Martin failing his drug test.

"Last year was the hardest thing in my life," Martin said. "I was pretty down, and I was thinking about transferring. I couldn't see my future. I'm a lot happier now. I'm getting a chance to play, and I like the coach and the program better."

"But I'm ready to win some games."

Although he had his share of difficulty at UNC under former coach Dick Crum, Martin said there was never really any question about where he would go to college.

"I had always wanted to go to school here," he said. "I told my coach

when I was visiting the other schools (that recruited me) that I was just taking trips."

Now that Mack Brown has taken over, though, Martin sees a brighter future for himself and for the Carolina football program as a whole.

Brown is a great coach and should dramatically improve North Carolina's recruiting, Martin said. But the best thing Brown has done for the program has been improving communication.

"The coaches and players talk more now," Martin said. "And Coach Brown has gotten people interested in the program who weren't interested before."

"Now, old players come by just to see what's going on. That never used to happen before."

Martin admitted that after losing to Wake Forest, the season was at a low point.

"We really needed this game," he said. "But I hope we can turn it around."

Now that teams see that UNC may be down this year, they seem to be gunning for the Tar Heels, Martin said.

"Teams come in really excited, really jacked up," he said. "But when they try to bring it to us, we need to give it back to them."

Martin has great pride in the North Carolina football program, and he has some definite goals he wants to accomplish for himself and the program before he leaves.

"First, I want to graduate," he said. "But I also want to get a ring (for the ACC championship)."

Martin also wants to play in the Citrus Bowl, and restore the football program to its previous stature.

"I want to give the young guys coming in something to build on," he said. "We can make this program what it used to be in the early '80s."

Losing streak continues; Elkins drops UNC to 0-5

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WINSTON-SALEM — Columbia University's football team finally broke its 44-game losing streak Saturday afternoon. Later that evening, North Carolina ran its own skid to eight straight.

Look out, Lions, here we come!

The Tar Heels continued their assault on the history books with a 42-24 loss to Wake Forest before 33,500 fans in Groves Stadium. Quarterback Mike Elkins threw for 233 yards and three touchdowns to pace the Deacons, who grabbed a remarkable 35-9 halftime lead and coasted from there.

In dropping their Atlantic Coast Conference opener, the Tar Heels fell to 0-5 in coach Mack Brown's first season.

This is the worst start by a Tar Heel football team since 1967, when Bill Dooley, now Wake's coach, struggled to the same opening record in the first of his 11 seasons in Chapel Hill.

"Obviously, we have to improve on defense," Brown said. "I thought we played hard. Wake Forest just plain whipped our defense."

UNC's defense was porous, as usual, against the Deacons, who improved to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference. Wake rolled up 308 yards of total offense in the first half alone, moving the ball at will against a Tar Heel defense that has allowed an average of 37.2 points over the first five games.

For the season, UNC has been outscored 69-10 in the first quarter.

North Carolina's offense was improved, actually outdoing the Deacons in first downs (27-20) and total yardage (486-463). The tailback

	Wake Forest 42, UNC 24	UNC	Wake
First downs	27	20	
Rushes-yards	47-228	41-230	
Passing yards	258	233	
Return yards	15	18	
Passes	19-37-2	18-22-0	
Punts	3-40	4-39	
Fumbles-lost	3-0	1-0	
Penalties-yards	8-65	12-101	
Time of possession	29:55	30:05	
North Carolina	3	6	9-24
Wake Forest	21	14	0-7-42
UNC — FG Greene 47			
Wake — Proehl 3 run (Hoyle kick)			
Wake — Jarvis 19 pass from Elkins (Hoyle kick)			
Wake — Proehl 7 pass from Elkins (Hoyle kick)			
Wake — Young 1 run (Hoyle kick)			
UNC — Martini 5 pass from Hall (kick blocked)			
Wake — Proehl 8 pass from Elkins (Hoyle kick)			
UNC — Benefield 1 run (kick blocked)			
UNC — FG Greene 34			
Wake — Young 3 run (Hoyle kick)			
UNC — Clark 6 pass from Hall (conversion failed)			
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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING: North Carolina — Martin 19-82, Dom 9-80, Thompson 8-26, Hall 7-23, Benefield 3-8, Martini 1-11. Wake Forest — Rogers 12-98, Young 12-79, Johnson 3-4, Niedbala 1-4, Elkins 4-11, Proehl 4-16, Williams 1-4, France 1-10, Long 3-4.
PASSING: North Carolina — Hall 19-37-2-258. Wake Forest — Elkins 18-22-0-233, Long 0-0-0-0.
RECEIVING: North Carolina — Stout 5-72, Martini 5-78, Keller 2-45, Clark 3-44, Thompson 3-10, Benefield 1-9. Wake Forest — Proehl 8-114, Jarvis 3-34, Brown 2-22, Young 2-21, Pickett 1-16, Niedbala 2-26.

tandem of Kennard Martin (82 yards) and Torin Dorn (80 yards) looked good, and junior quarterback Jonathan Hall went 19-for-37 for 258 yards and two touchdowns in his best performance this year.

But the Tar Heels could have had Dan Marino taking snaps Saturday and it would not have mattered. The defense is that bad.

Somehow, Brown remains outwardly positive.

"If you're not winning ballgames, that's frustrating," Brown said. "I don't have a barometer to measure it, but if there was one I'm at the top rung. But I'm the guy who should be getting the criticism, not our

players. I take responsibility. We've just got to go back and work harder and reassess where we are."

For the first time all year, the Tar Heels got off on the right foot. UNC took the opening kickoff and drove from its own 17 to a first down at the Wake 26, the key play being an 18-yard toss from Hall to freshman flanker Eric Blount on third-and-5.

But a James Thompson plunge picked up just one yard and two Hall passes fell incomplete, leaving freshman place-kicker Hamp Greene to nail a 47-yard field goal that just barely made it over the crossbar.

With 11:01 to go in the first quarter, UNC led 3-0.

But whatever emotional edge the Tar Heels may have forged on their opening drive dissipated soon thereafter. Wake's Mark Young brought the ensuing kickoff out to midfield and, two plays later, stumpy tailback Tony Rogers took a pitch from Elkins and swept 42 yards around left end for a first-and-goal at the UNC 3.

Two plays later, Elkins ran the option to the left side and pitched out to wingback Ricky Proehl, who scored from three yards out. Wilson Hoyle added the extra point and, just like that, it was 7-3, Wake.

The Tar Heel offense motored right back downfield before stalling at the Wake 29. But this time Greene's 46-yard field goal try fell short, leaving it up to the Deacons to take control.

They did. Seven plays, five of them passes, gobbled up the 71-yard path to the end zone. Elkins hit tight end David Jarvis on a little half-roll for the last 19 yards and a 14-3 Deacon lead with 4:06 left in the opening period.

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Volleyball wins three at home; soccer teams prevail in Florida

From staff reports

Ah, the great feeling one gets from coming back from a break. Since you are back, we will now attempt to recount the Tar Heel sports action from the last six days.

Volleyball

Thanks to a trio of wins Friday and Saturday, the Tar Heel volleyball squad now sports a sparkling 15-3 record. But they had to mount a fantastic comeback against William and Mary to keep that record intact.

Friday, the Tar Heels drilled Maryland 15-3, 15-2, 13-15, 15-2, losing the third game only after coach Peggy Bradley-Doppes substituted some younger players into the Tar Heel lineup. Senior Andrea Wells had 12 kills and four digs, while juniors Lisa Joffs and Sharon German had nine kills each.

Saturday, the Tar Heels warmed up for the William and Mary match by easing past George Washington 15-10, 11-15, 15-8, 15-13. German had a whopping 26 kills and 11 digs in the match, while Wells added 23 and 11, respectively, and senior Sherri Vogel had 34 assists and 10 digs for the Tar Heels.

Against the Indians, who came into the match undefeated, the Tar Heels lost the first two games before taking the third, 15-12.

But in the fourth game, UNC fought off match point at 14-9 before breaking the Indians' backs with a 16-14 win. In the fifth and deciding match, the Tar Heels breezed, 15-4.

Wells had 19 kills and 18 digs in the match and German continued her strong play on the day with 15 kills and 21 digs.

Women's Soccer

The top-ranked Tar Heels were in sunny Orlando, Fla., over the break along with the men's team for the Central Florida Invitational. But after beating Barry 3-0 on Friday, the Tar Heels overcame another threat to their NCAA record unbeaten streak.

Friday, UNC notched two goals in the first 26 minutes of the match to beat Barry. Birthe Hegstad opened the scoring at the 18:40 mark when she took a Lori Henry pass and knocked it past Barry keeper Carolyn Hormilla from three yards out.

The Tar Heels extended the margin to 2-0 7:20 later on a Stacey Blazo score, after she took a feed from Carla Werden and Shannon Higgins.

The Tar Heels tallied their final goal 11 minutes into the second half on a Wendy Gebauer breakaway goal.

Higgins assisted on the two first-half goals, taking the corner kick that

started both plays. Henry added two assists as well.

But on Sunday, the Tar Heels faced a tough 11th-ranked Central Florida squad, and for only the fourth time in 186 career women's soccer matches, UNC could not muster a score, as the two teams battled to a 0-0 tie.

The Tar Heels, 9-0-2, extended their unbeaten streak to 60 games with the tie.

UNC goalkeeper Meridee Proost recorded seven saves for the shutout, her third of the season. Her counterpart, Karen Richter, stopped four Tar Heel shots.

UNC returns to action Wednesday when it hosts Radford at 3 p.m.

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer squad also competed in the Central Florida Invitational, coming from behind to win Saturday's game over Central Florida 3-1 and going to overtime Sunday to beat Florida International 2-1.

Saturday, the Tar Heels evened their record by scoring three second-half goals after seeing Central Florida tally one score in the first half.

Senior Jim Gourlay started the three-goal burst, which came in a 19:46 span, after he picked up a loose

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Senior Sharon Ross motors past a Virginia defender in Sunday's 8-0 pasting of the Cavaliers

Field hockey takes two at home

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Although the weather cooled off, the North Carolina field hockey team continued its fiery play. By posting two impressive wins over the weekend, the second-ranked Tar Heels improved their slate to 10-1.

UNC thrashed William and Mary 5-0 on Saturday and hammered ACC rival Virginia 8-0 on Sunday. In both victories, the Tar Heels used a balanced offensive attack and a near-perfect defensive effort.

On Saturday, Cathy Osmers gave the North Carolina team an early start, as she tallied a goal after only 2:43 had elapsed. That goal sparked an onslaught of Tar Heel shots.

Less than five minutes after Osmer's goal, Julie Blaisse tacked on the Tar Heels second score on a penalty corner. The goal was set up by both Jennifer Anderson and Leslie Lyness.

The Tar Heels continued to keep pressure on Indians goalie Sharon Barone. It paid off again at the 19:30 mark, when sophomore Laurel Hershey netted the Tar Heels' third goal of the half. Rounding out the North Carolina offense in the first half was Lyness, as the Paoli, Pa., native made a brilliant move to work herself free and then drilled a slapshot by a

sprawling Barone.

"I did expect to play our starters a little bit more," Shelton said. "But I was pleased to give our reserves some playing time in the second half. Evelien Spee did a good job in goal during the second half, and she should feel great about getting her ninth shutout."

At the 15:05 mark of the second half, Nancy Lang scored the only goal of the second half, which was assisted by Jennifer Clark. Both Lang and Clark are freshmen and will be playing alongside each other for the next four years.

Overall, North Carolina dominated the Indians. For the game, North Carolina had 25 shots on goal, while the Indians had nine. The Tar Heels also enjoyed a commanding 22-8 advantage in penalty corners.

Sunday's game with Virginia was almost a carbon copy of Saturday's game. The Tar Heels came out smoking, and they smoldered the Cavaliers 8-0.

From start to finish, North Carolina controlled the play on the friendly confines of AstroTurf Field. Senior Jennifer Anderson broke the ice and scored the Tar Heels' first goal of the game at the 4:26 mark.

UNC's second and third goals were both chalked up by Osmers. The

freshman scored the second goal at the 26:31 mark, and her second goal was assisted by Tracey Houk.

Shelton couldn't be happier with the way Osmers has played this year.

"I'm very happy with Osmer's play," she said. "For a young player, she's really developing. She seems to improve every game. She's a hustler, and you can't coach that."

On the strength of the Osmer's goals, the Tar Heels sported a 3-0 halftime edge. Osmer's definitely had a very fun weekend of hockey.

"Everybody contributed in our two wins," she said, "and I was excited being able to score three goals over the weekend."

North Carolina dominated the second half of play, just as they had in the first. Blaisse opened the scoring at the 1:52 mark to vault the Tar Heels to a 4-0 edge. From there, the floodgates opened, as the Tar Heels poured shot after shot on Cavalier goalie Liz Nolley.

Hershey extended the Tar Heel lead to 5-0 at the 7:40 mark. Blaisse then posted her second goal of the half to up the lead to 6-0.

Peggy Anthon registered the Tar Heels seventh goal on a brilliant length-of-the-field rush. Anthon's

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